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Thyatira

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Ephesus

Miletus

Cos

Rhodes

Phrygia

Antioch

Galatia

Lycania

Derbe

Tarsus

Pamphylia

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Parga

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“This sad account reveals how interconnected Christians are. We cannot hurt one another without also hurting the work of God in the world. Paul does not discuss whether it was the right thing to do to abandon a place where God had made an opportunity. His uneasiness over the Corinthians, however, made it impossible for him to continue his work there. The implication is that Paul’s change in plans was caused by the Corinthians and that they also were behind his failure to pursue fully a golden opportunity for evangelism. Again we can see Satan’s designs at work! The conflict with Corinth agitated Paul so much that it sabotaged a mission opportunity. His grief undermined his effectiveness and led him to exit doors that God may have wanted him to enter.... Church strife never speeds the gospel’s advance.”

~ David Garland, *2 Corinthians* , (page 134).

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At the head of the procession came the magistrates and the senate, followed by trumpeters and some spoils of wars such as vessels of gold or beaks of ships. Then came the flute players, ahead of white oxen destined to be sacrificed in the temples, along with some representative captives from the conquered territory, including such dignitaries as the king, driven in chains in front of the ornate chariot of the general, the *triumphator* (“the one honored by the triumph”), who wore the garb of Jupiter and carried a scepter in his left hand. A slave held a crown over his head. The victorious soldiers followed, shouting “*Io triumphe!*” (“Hail, triumphant one!”). As the procession ascended the Capitoline Hill, some of the leading captives (usually royal figures or the tallest and strongest of the conquered warriors) were taken aside into the adjoining prison and executed. Sacrifices were offered upon arrival at the temple of Jupiter. Livy informs us of the two purposes of a triumph: to thank the gods who had guaranteed the victory and to glorify the valor of the *triumphator*.

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**New English Bible captures this meaning:**

**2 Corinthians 2:14**

*“But thanks be to God, who continually leads us about,  
captives in Christ’s triumphal procession.”*

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